

INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

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From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

Last Thursday evening, while driving home after the worship service, I saw a Columbus Police Department and a Platte County Sheriff's vehicles speeding through an intersection. By the next morning, I realized they were racing to the scene of a shooting that injured a Columbus police Sergeant Brad Wangler, and the suspect, Jorje Robledo.

Beginning mid-afternoon the next day, I was helping with the Center for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Survivors' annual fundraiser dinner. As a Board member of the Center, I volunteer at the annual fundraiser dinner in order to bring the larger community together and to show our commitment to the Center and its mission.

The Center for Survivors works closely with law enforcement. The Center needs the collaboration and cooperation with law enforcement, and vice versa. It was clear on Friday afternoon that all of the Center's staff and volunteers were deeply troubled by the shooting of Sgt. Wangler.

I was helping set up some of the food for the meal with one of the police officers who serves on the Center board. As more folks arrived, he received many hugs, words of thanks, and questions about Sgt. Wangler.

Earlier in the day, Lia Grant, the Executive Director of the Center for Survivors, sent me a text message, asking if I would say a prayer before the dinner to hold up Sgt. Wangler, his family, and friends. I said of course I would. I offered a prayer of comfort for everyone gathered that night.

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Thursday Worship
at 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship
at 9:30 AM

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In the past week, many have shown their support and concern for the Columbus Police Department. When my brother, Ted Stroope, decided to join the Des Moines Police Department more than 15 years ago, it was a bit of a shock to our family. We had ministers in the family, so me going to seminary hadn't seemed odd. My parents were both teachers, so when my sister Celia became a teacher, no one was surprised. My mother was a science teacher, so when my brother Tim pursued a career in a scientific field, it felt "all in the family." But no one had been in law enforcement, which meant we all had a lot to learn.

Some of us had to let go of assumptions and stereotypes we held about cops. We had some uncomfortable conversations with family and friends who did not hold positive views of law enforcement. I and other family members went on ride-alongs with my brother, in the middle of the night. We saw first-hand his roles and responsibilities. We supported my brother, because we knew his character and his values. We saw him protect and serve with integrity. When he was promoted to sergeant in 2015, the Chief of Police asked me to offer a prayer of invocation for the promotion ceremony.

There have been some tough times over the years. In 2013, a little over a year after I came to Columbus, my brother was involved in a shooting. In 2016, while he and his family were visiting us for Easter, two young officers whom my brother had helped to train, were killed in an atrocious vehicular homicide on interstate 80 while on duty. Less than eight months later, on November 2, 2016, my mother called me frantic early in the morning, because someone had ambushed and killed a Des Moines police officer and an Urbandale police officer.

Prior to my brother's promotion the previous year, the neighborhood beat of the ambushed Des Moines officer had been my brother's beat for more than a decade.

What happened in Columbus last week felt like a "reality check" to many people, and I understand this in a way I might not have if I did not have an immediate family member who is a police officer. There has been so much debate about police actions in the past few years, and rightly so. Police swear to protect and serve everyone — police are not to discriminate. This means they have to work with people no matter their condition — addicted, violent, in mental health crises, rude, you name it. A police officer cannot hang a sign that reads "No Shirt, No Service." Police officers protect and serve everyone, and should not treat a person according to skin color, a language a person speaks, or what neighborhood a person lives in.

Police are people — people who have to make snap decisions under immense stress. Those late night ride-alongs in a police cruiser with my brother provided me with a revelation: *every night, he was dealing with all of the people that Jesus did — people a lot of us would rather not deal with.*

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My brother had to be — sometimes all at once — a social worker, a shoulder to cry on, a stern voice of instruction to someone being belligerent. He also gave a bye to somebody who said that the reason he'd run through a stop sign was that he was in a rush to get to a bathroom.

On and off duty, my brother and every other law enforcement officer is human, and working with humanity. Sometimes humans are in inhuman situations and sometimes act inhumanely. It was troubling to me last week when, after reading the Columbus News Team article about the shootings of Sgt. Wangler and Jorje Robledo, there were comments expressing the hope that Robledo would not recover from his injuries. There were also comments which made negative assumptions about Robledo's citizenship.

Police officers do not bleed, and sometime lose their lives, to protect our prejudices. Police should not ever treat anyone inhumanly, nor not protect another person treating someone inhumanely. Police usually interact with people when people are not at their best, and yet we ask police to always be at their best. Jesus told us that the most important law was to love God, followed immediately by loving one's neighbor.

Tragedies often remind us that we can ask more of each other — all of us — in good times and in bad. Loving one's neighbor is hard work, but it's hard work we can all ask each other to do.

Annika

Summer Special Music Needed in August

Federated's choir take the summer off. If you or someone you know is willing to provide some type of special music this summer, please sign up on the schedule in the church office. Contact Bob Arp with any questions. What a great way to share your God given gift with others!

Funeral Committee Information

Funeral Committee 6: Co-Chairpersons: Chris & Tim Warren, Jeannie & Roland Johnson, Jean & Bill Royer, Shirley Johnson

Members: Bob & Wilma Arp, Roland & Doris Augspurger, Lee Augustin, Lloyd & Kay Castner, Jon & Andrea Frey, Richard & Beverly Fry, Charlotte Griffith, John & Anita Hahn, Dorsie & Pat Ivy, Gary & Sue Jacobs, Neil & Janice Jensen, Cliff & Jeannie Kiser Jensen, Coley & Nancy Kiser, Clark & Robin Lehr, Cindy Lisko, Janet Lyon, Terry & Beth Millard, Louise Moran, Mary Norton, John & Nila Novotny, John & Marilyn Petersen, Carrie Prokopec, Andrew & Elizabeth Purinton, Doug & Deb Rasby, Gary Robertson, Peg Rupprecht, Sam & Deanna Scheidegger, Chuck & Pat Scheuneman, Calvin & Alison Wagner, Brenda & John Wardman, Ardell & Marcene Wurdeman

2018 Vacation Bible School

Please join us June 18-22 for Shipwrecked VBS at Federated Church! We all deal with feeling shipwrecked in our lives, but we can all be rescued by Jesus! Volunteers are also needed even if you can only help a couple hours or days that week. Registration forms and volunteer sign up cards are available in the church office and Narthex. Registrations and volunteer cards can be returned to the church office or Kristi Wolfe. Please contact Kristi for more information or with any questions: wolfepackne@gmail.com or 402-910-1667

Registration and volunteer forms now available on website under the Groups tab, on the Children and Youth tab.



Gift card donations to Walmart, SuperSaver, Hobby Lobby and Hy-Vee would be tremendously appreciated!

If you, or someone you know, would like to attend, but cannot afford the registration, contact Kristi for alternate payment options!

Nairobi, Kenya, Africa Ministry Trip

Our journey to Nairobi, Kenya, Africa was the trip of a lifetime! We were asked to help facilitate a new mission trip site for an agency that our church had been on four mission trips with prior, both high school and alumni. We thought we were meeting up with a group in Nairobi and didn't know what age group or actually any of the details. We just knew that we both felt God's calling to go.

The people who hosted us were some of the kindest, most sincere, most giving, and most spirit filled people we have ever met. They were three Pastors—Pastor Sam, Pastor Peris, and Pastor Oliver. We met up with the person from the agency also and we very surprised to learn that we were it—the mission trip group ---only three of us!

It was a very lively, busy, eye opening week. We visited orphanages in the slums where the children were dressed in ragged clothes, usually no shoes, and had shaved heads to help keep the bugs away. Many of the children had HIV, and it broke our hearts to see the conditions they lived in. One of the orphanages was located in Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi and the second largest slum in the world. Over one million people lived there. As many as 8 people lived in a tiny tin shack with a dirt floor.

We attended and participated in 4 church services and one neighborhood fellowship meeting. The church services were anywhere from 2.5 hours to 5! They were filled with loud praise music, loud praying, loud preaching and plenty of spirit moving within. We performed a puppet play about mission work, and shared ideas about working with children and youth at a leader's church meeting. We were invited to four different homes for meals, where we were warmly welcomed and given their very best.

Though poor, all the people we met enriched us. We came back wanting to return, to see what else God is calling us to do. We sincerely thank the people of Federated for their generous donations and the many school supplies we were able to distribute because of you. Thank you sincerely. Please—next time, go with us!

~Julie Graham and Katie Claus



The following items are requested for the Center:

Household Items:

- Garbage Bags (any size)
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies (i.e. All Purpose Cleaner, Clorox Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner)
 - Dish Soap/ Hand Soap
 - Bed Pillows (new)
- Dish Towels/Wash Cloths
 - Dinnerware

Food:

- Cereal
- Applesauce
- Bottle Juices/Water
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
 - Boxed Dinners
 - Soup
 - Cooking Oil
 - Pinto Beans
 - White Rice
- Ranch Dressing

For more information about how you can help, please contact:

Center for Survivors

3103 13th Street

P.O. Box 42

Columbus, NE 68602-0042

Phone: 402-564-2155

Fax: 402-563-1719

Web: www.centerforsurvivors.net

You can also find us on the following social media:

- Facebook
- Instagram @centerforsurvivors
- Twitter @CenterSurvivors

Habitat For Humanity

Mark your calendar for Federated's Habitat for Humanity build day on **July 7th!** There are volunteers still needed, not only skilled laborers, but also for lunch that day. Sign up now to share your talents today! Please contact Steve Heinisch for more information.



Phil Wilson Scholarship Renewals

Federated Church Foundation Scholarship Renewal Applications were mailed this week. Please contact Jim in the church office if you do not receive yours. Applications must be postmarked or received by the Church office *no later than* **4:30pm, Monday, June 25.** Late applications are subject to a reduction penalty.

Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper

Platte Valley Humane Society



The Platte Valley Humane Society has a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church. Requested items are: **June:** Hand Sanitizer, Clumping Cat Litter **July:** Cat Treats, Cat Toys

Columbus Rescue Mission Meal Schedule

6/8: Karen Paben
7/13: Deb Curry & Julie McClure
8/10: Kathy Leischner & Katie Claus

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Youth Ministry Committee Meeting 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	11 9:30am Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	12 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting	13 8:30am VBS Planning Meeting	14 6:30pm VBS Leader/Helper Training 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	15 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	16
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24 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago 9:30am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	25 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	26 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago 10:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Governing Council Meeting	27 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago	28 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	29 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	30 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago

July 2018

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1 9:30am Worship Service 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship	2 5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212	3 10:15am Staff Meeting	4	5 6:15pm Boy Scouts Roundtable 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service	6 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service	7 Habitat for Humanity
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Women's Fellowship Circles



Circle 1: Co-leaders:

Sharyn Beard 402-606-4244

Jean Royer 402-564-8012

Circle 1 9:30 A.M. Meetings for 2018

June: No Meeting

July: No Meeting

Aug.: No Meeting

Sept. 19: Hostess: Charlotte Lambert
Lesson: Kay Castner

Oct. 17: Hostess: Sue McClure
Lesson: Jean Royer

Nov. 14: Hostess: Sharon Kuncel
Lesson: Anita Hahn

(Please note, 2nd Weds.!)

Dec. 19: Traditions (Charlotte Lambert)
Lesson: Anita Hahn

Women's Fellowship Restructuring Committee

Sue McClure
Rogalyn Stevens
Joie Taylor
Linda Wheatley

Meals on Wheels

THANK YOU to the April 9-13 meals on wheels delivery volunteers. Federated's next week of service will be June 18-22. Coordinator will be Charlotte Lambert - 402-564-5834.

Cookies 'N More

Looking for Co-Chairs!!

We are looking for help to co-chair the annual Cookies 'N More on November 15, 2018. Anyone who is interested should contact Rogalyn Stevens. rogalynrr@gmail.com 402-563-2332

B-I-N-G-O

Ladies: We are seeking names of who would like to be called IF and WHEN additional help is needed on 4th Wednesdays (2:00 - 3:00) Bingo. It would not be an every month call, but a 'just in case'. Prizes are always provided by the circles. The sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary. *Thanks for your help, PW Women*

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COOKIE DONATIONS

Please deliver cookies to First United Methodist Church Outreach Center located at 3602 16th St.

Label cookies "THURSDAY BLOOD DRIVE" – Deliver cookies between 10:00-11:30am July 5– Circle 1 July 12 – Circle 4 July 19 - Circle 2 July 26 - Rhombus

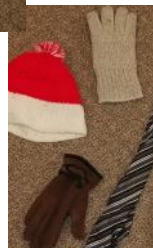
WF Annual Garage & Bake Sale

Mark the week of July 9-14 on your calendar NOW for the Annual Garage and Bake Sale, then start gathering things to donate! Preparation will take place in the Education Center July 9th-13th and SALE DAY is JULY 14th. Linda Wheatley (402-564-8677) and Sue McClure (402-563-1803) are co-chairs and will answer any questions you may have. In the past our church members have supported this project in donations and their time which the community really appreciates.

Lost and Found!

The following items are currently in the church's Lost and Found, which is located in the Coat Closet across the hallway from the office. If these items are not claimed by July 11th, they will be donated to the Women's Fellowship Annual Garage & Bake Sale. There are pictures available for the items, as well as listed below.

- 3 Water Bottles - Black & Clear, Black & Silver, Teal & Clear
- 2 Blue & Pink Wooden Batons
- White Comb
- QST Magazine
- Holy Bible - Black Cover, no personal information inside
- Blue, Purple & Black Infinity Scarf
- Black Horn-rimmed Reader Glasses
- Clear Horn-rimmed Sunglasses
- Otter Box Belt Clip Cover Case
- Chewable Teether Key Ring
- Gray & Teal AND1 Men's Shorts
- Girl's Gray Medium Weight Jacket
- Girl's Teal Fleece
- Maurice's Velvet Pouch Purse with Eos inside
- Blue & Green Umbrella
- Black, Gray & Silver Men's Tie
- Red & White Pom-pom Stocking Cap
- Two Brown Unmatched Gloves (one leather, one knitted)
- Men's Black Heavy Weight Work Jacket
- Men's Black Light Weight Jacket



The following letter was received in early June from a gentleman in California with the attached postcard!

May 29, 2018
Pastor
Federated Church UCC-PCUSA
2704-15 St
Columbus NE 68601

Good Morning:

I hope this letter brightens your day. I was at an antique store here and found this old circa 1905 picture card of your beautiful church.

It's an old time classic for sure so I said to myself, "By golly, I think I'll send it home where it can be appreciated." Our heritage is important to us all and should be preserved. Lots of changes, I suppose, too. Enlarged and posted up it will cause some nice conversation.

Well, I gave 6.00 for it so if you want it for 7.00 or 8.00 or so why that's sure ok. Throw in a little postage if you want, too.

My wife used to laugh at me and say, "If you hear from them you'll have to take me out to lunch." I will be ninety years old on June 26th and still going strong.

I like to call my little hobby a "re-distribution of happiness." Our world sure needs it.

Thank you, Godspeed, and have a super-good 2018,



Lowell Joerg

P.S. I picked your place off the net. I figure I could trust you folks.



**Happy Birthday,
Lowell!**

From all of us at
Federated
Church!

P. S. Enjoy the
newsletter!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Terry Hoeman	6/15
Jennifer Curry	6/16
Bronwyn Prokopec	6/18
Emily Crister, Marilyn Vrana, David Whitman	6/20
Neil Churchill, Taytum Miller, Hailey Rathje	6/21
Ali Van Heusen	6/22
Giana Boyle, Mia Grant, Emily Grant, Parker Grant	6/24
Kenneth Esslinger, Elyssa Hahn, Ben Vrana, Gene Watson	6/25
John Novotny	6/26
John McPhail	6/27
Elizabeth Boettcher, Catherine Hare, Caleb Hast, Marcene Wurdeman	6/28
Debbie Church, Janae Graham	6/30
Brendon Rathje	7/1
Thomas Hempstead	7/2
Ethan Yang	7/3
Kylee Study, Eliot Yang	7/4
Peggy Speicher	7/5
Jayda Arps, Ruth Elwood, Ruth Schlobohm	7/6
Terry Millard, Sam Scheidegger	7/7
Becky Miller	7/8
Parker Hughes	7/11
Gracyn Schrier	7/12
Byron Meyer, Tessa Miller, Barb Sanderson, Kathy Senior, Benjamin Heinisch	7/14
Mike Griffith	7/15

Don't see your birthday in our list above? Find an error?
Contact the church office and let us know!

Federated Church Finance-at-a-Glance

Recap of financial transactions for May 2018

The following information is a brief description of transactions for the previously completed month. Complete records are available in the church office upon request.

Income - May 2018

Contributions, Etc.:

Current Year	\$27,842.72
Future Year Transfer	\$8,542.10
Miscellaneous Income	\$400.84
Rent	\$100.00

Designated Funds (Savings):

Youth Mission	\$1,164.75
Kamp Kaleo	\$140.00
Pentecost	\$50.00
Vacation Bible School	\$335.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Alumni Mission Trip	\$25.00
Love Gift - Ashli Porter	\$205.00
Tuesday Morning Book Discussion	\$48.00

Interest Income:

Memorial	\$2.10
Checking	\$0.89
Savings	\$60.34

Expenses - May 2018

General Expenditures (Annual Budget):

Committee, Administration, Church Staff, Utilities/Facility Expenses	\$32,090.94
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Designated Funds (Savings):

Youth Fund	\$43.50
Youth Mission	\$2,397.63
Building Maintenance (Fall '17 EC Pipe)	\$1,959.00
Helping Hands-Non-Members	\$420.51

Checking Account Balance Ending April 30, 2018: \$19,290.94

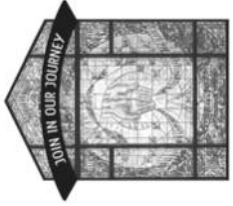
Savings Account Balance Ending April 30, 2018: \$141,306.55

Memorial Account Balance Ending April 30, 2018: \$30,875.76

Checking Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$17,435.39

Savings Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$134,518.19

Memorial Account Balance Ending May 31, 2018: \$30,902.86



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